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Principal’s Message

Term 2

I hope everyone has a wonderful holiday and remind you that students return to school on Wednesday 1st May for a very busy Term 2. Years 3 and 5 will be completing their NAPLAN tests and later in the Term we will be sending reports home and having Parent interview night.

There are many other exciting things planned throughout the term including Red Nose Day, Cross Country Carnival and other excursions and performances. I would urge all parents to encourage their children’s attendance at these events as it supports their learning.

Stage 3 Canberra Excursion

Last week a large group of Year 5 and Year 6 students went on an overnight excursion to Canberra. They saw and visited amazing places including Parliament House, the War Memorial, Questacon, the Mint and lots more! Everyone was very tired when they got off the bus but they all had a brilliant time. Thanks to all the parents for allowing their children to attend such an amazing learning experience.

A huge thank you to our teachers who attended – Mrs Boyd, Ms Bynon, Mrs Hansell, Mr Cannons and Ms Haskell, without their fantastic support and willingness to take our students away overnight trips like this one just don’t happen!

Active After School Sport

What a great term our students have had who attended our special sports program after school each week. A big thank you to Ms Isbister and Ms Kisslo for their great organisation of such a fantastic program!

Homework Centre

Well, our Homework centre started recently for Stage 2 and Stage 3 students. Thank you to the teachers participating – Ms Parisi, Mrs Gharagozli, Mrs Zeballos and our wonderful SLSO’s Ms Ali, Ms Haskell and Mrs Uyanik who support our children so well. Also thank you to Mrs Das for organising the Homework centre this Term, it is very much appreciated!

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ANZAC Service

This Friday at 10.30am we will be holding our annual Anzac Memorial service in the James Waters Hall. All parents are invited to attend this service which will be lead by our captains.

SRC Easter Egg Raffle

Thanks to everyone who have purchased tickets in our great raffle. I hope the winners enjoyed taking home lots of chocolate. A special thank you to our SRC for organising, selling and awarding all our great prizes. Well done!

Uniforms

As the weather is now getting colder please remember that your uniform needs for the winter months are all in stock at our uniform shop. Our Uniform Shop is open every Monday and Friday morning from 8.30am – 10.00am and staffed by Julie Cross who can assist you with all enquiries. She does an outstanding job in helping our school community.

School Hats and Black School Shoes

I would like all children to wear a school hat. Hats can be purchased at the office for a reasonable price of $6.00.

Please remember as your buy new school shoes that they are black. Black running shoes are acceptable but leather shoes are preferred.

Ms Lisa Borg
Principal

General News

Sport Representatives

Congratulations to a student in 5/6B, who has been selected in the combined Merrylands Parramatta Auburn Zone Rugby League team to play in the Sydney West Championships.

Congratulations also to 3 students in Stage 3 who have all been selected in the Auburn Zone Soccer team to play in the Sydney West Soccer Championships.

Good luck to all of the boys and well done on being selected in the representative teams!!

High Schools

All EOI s have been posted off to High Schools. Round One offers will be made early in Term 2.

Stage 3 Canberra Excursion

At 7pm last Friday night 57 very tired but excited students together with 5 teachers arrived back at school after our wonderful overnight excursion to Canberra.

The students are to be congratulated on their excellent behaviour. They were great ambassadors for our school. Firstly a huge thank you to Ms Bynon, Mr Cannons, Mrs Hansell and Mrs Haskell who gave up so much of their own time to accompany the students. This excursion would not have been possible without their invaluable assistance!

I’d also like to mention Macquarie Educational Tours who booked all our visits, accommodation and transport. The company did an outstanding job. Our driver, Simon, was fantastic. He drove us safely for 2 days, was always helpful and took the time to show us some extra sights on the way.

Now for some highlights from our 2 days and all the places we visited:

- Mt Ainslie Lookout for great views all over Canberra.
- Museum of Australian Democracy - we looked around Old Parliament House, sat in the Senate and House of Representatives and looked at the role of the Governor General.
- The Mint - we saw coins being made, watched Titan the robot at work, learnt about the history of Australia's money and even got to make coins for ourselves.
- Parliament House - we visited both the houses and learnt all about what happens in parliament.
- Parliamentary Education Office - here we had fun role-playing being members of parliament and voting to pass a bill. We debated about whether schools should have 3 hours of compulsory team sport each week. The government got their bill passed by a very narrow margin!
- Australian Institute of Sport - we were shown around several venues including the pool, gymnasium and volleyball hall by two athletes who are currently training at the A.I.S. We then had fun trying our own skills out in sports including cycling, ski-ing, soccer and rowing as part of the Sportex program.
- The War Memorial - first some interactive fun which included sitting in a real army helicopter, experiencing life on a submarine and being in the trenches in World War 1. We then saw many of the other exhibitions including the Pool of Remembrance and Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.
- Questacon - two hours of interactive Science fun including the Earthquake House, watching a Tsunami form, seeing how Black Holes work and for the brave “free-falling” several metres onto a slide- definitely not for the faint- hearted! We even had time for a bit of souvenir shopping!

On our drives to each of the venues Simon showed us Lake Burley Griffin and the Water Jet as well as some of the embassies from other countries. So, you can see that we were certainly very busy for the whole time we were away!

I would again like to acknowledge the contribution of the Australian Government which provided $20 for each student as part of the PACER program together with the fundraising done by 5W and 6K which enabled us to offer this excursion for only $140 per child.

Thank you to all the parents who made sure that the students were dropped off at school and picked up on time. The teachers really appreciated your co-operation and support!

Kim Boyd
Assistant Principal (rel.)
Woolworths Earn & Learn 2013

This year we will be participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Through this program we will be able to get new educational resources for our school – and all we need you to do is shop for your groceries at Woolworths.

From Monday 8th April to Sunday 9th June, we are collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Points. You will get one Woolworths Earn & Learn Point for every $10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Place the Woolworths Earn & Learn Points onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Points Sheet and when it’s complete, the Points Sheet can be dropped into the Collection Box here at the school or at your local store.

At the end of the promotion, we’ll be able to get some great new equipment. The range is extensive and offers lots of items ideal for our students – including resources for Maths, English, Science and some fantastic fun supplies for Arts & Craft, Sport and for our library. If you’d like to know more visit woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn

Stage 1 Environmental Workshops

Stage 1 students attended environmental workshops run by Keep Australia Beautiful educator Peta Golla on Wednesday the 27th of March and Tuesday the 2nd of April 2013.

The workshops covered a range of topics linked to the students’ learning about the environment. The workshops educated the students on a wide range of issues including waste, water and sustainability issues.

A student reflected on her learning after the workshop states; “I learnt that you have to put the rubbish in the right bins. The red bin is for food and plastic that has food in it. The student told us that the yellow bin is for cardboard and clean glass bottles. The green bin is for garden waste. I also learnt that if you don’t put rubbish into the right bins then the people who work at the rubbish tips have to sit there all day and sort the rubbish out. Another student states; “When you put the rubbish in the bin you have to be careful that it’s in the right bin. If you don’t put it in the right bin the rubbish man will be very angry.”

Auburn Public School would like to thank Peta Golla and the Keep Australia Beautiful organisation for running these fantastic free workshops at our school. Stage 1 students are now experts on recycling, waste management and ways they can help the environment.

B Ryan - Organising Teacher

Lateness to School

This is a reminder to parents and carers that school begins at 9am. Students should be at school before this time so they can get themselves ready to go into their classrooms. They need to ensure they have ordered their lunch (if necessary), go to the toilet, get that last drink of water and say “Hello” to their friends before the bell goes. Being late not only affects the child who is late but those in their class, as it interrupts the whole class’s learning.

If students are late they need to go the office and get a “Late Note”. We keep records of students who come late to school. If it occurs regularly it will come to the notice of the District Home School Liaison Officer and further action will be taken.

F. Shearman - Assistant Principal

Library News

Returning Library Books

Parents / Caregivers, please ensure all library books are returned to our school library this week.

Auburn Library

There are some wonderful holiday activities at Auburn Library these holidays!

Some of the activities offered are:
- jewellery making
- science workshops
- junior masterchef cooking classes.

The cost for the activities are 50c and some are free. If your child/children is/are interested, go to Auburn Library this week to book into these great activities.

Ms. F. Gregory / Mrs A. McMurtrie
Teacher/Librarians
Merit Certificates

Congratulations to the following students who were presented with their merit awards at recent assemblies. Please see your child’s class teacher for the Merit Awards and the PBIS awards.

P & C News

Mothers Day Stall

The P&C will be running a Mother’s Day Stall on 9th May. The gifts will range from $2.00 - $7.00. Please send money with your child on the day.

Mothers Day Raffle

The P&C will also be holding a Mother’s Day Raffle in Week 2 with heaps of prizes. The raffle tickets will be 50c each or 3 for $1.00

Term 1, 2013

Thurs 11th Apr  Music and Games Night
Fri 12th Apr  Anzac Day Ceremony
Fri 12th Apr  Last Day - Term 1

Term 2, 2013

Wed 1st May  Students Return - Term 2
Tues 7th May  Zone Cross Country
Thurs 9th May  Mother’s Day Stall
Tues 14th May  NAPLAN

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Wed 15th May  NAPLAN
Thurs 16th May  NAPLAN
Thurs 16th May  ASPA – Kindergarten Hall
Mon 20th May  Aboriginal Experience Workshops 3-6
Tues 21st May  Aboriginal Experience Workshops K-2
Fri 24th May  Anti-bullying Course for Boys
Fri 24th May  Stage 2 AFL Sports Program
Tues 28th May  Stage 3 AFL Sports Program

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